

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT &

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

U.S. Appln. No.: 10/555,069

Atty. Docket No.: Q91145

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate improper multiple dependencies.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I. This election is made without traverse.

In response to the Election of Species, Applicant elects (a) polystyrene-based as the species of polymer and (b) phenolic resin as the species of carbon material.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

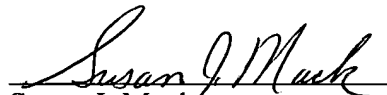
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